If truth and upright innocency fail me,
I'll to the king my master that is dead.
And tell him who hath sent me after him.

WAR. Here comes the prince.

Enter King HENRY *V.*

CH. JUST. Good morrow; and heaven save your
majesty.

KING. This new and gorgeous garment, majesty.
Sits not so easy on me as you think.—
Brothers, you mix your sadness with some fear:
This is the English, not the Turkish court[3];
Not Amurath an Amurath succeeds,
But Harry Harry[4]: Yet be sad, good brothers,

In Hamlet, the King says:
'And what's in prayer, but this twofold force,—
"To be *forestalled* ere we come to fall,
"Or pardon'd, being down?" M. MASON.
I believe, *forestalled* only means *asked* before *it is granted*.
If he will grant me pardon unasked, so; if not, I will not condescend to solicit it. In support of the interpretation of *forestalled remission*, i. e. a remission obtained by a *previous* supplication,
the following passage in Cymbeline may be urged:
«[illegible] may
»This night *forestall* him of the coming day!»
That *ragged* has been rightly explained [illegible] has been already shown, see p. 18.
M. MALONE.

3 — not: the Turkish court;] Not the court where the prince
that mounts the throne puts his brothers to death. JOHNSON.

4 Not AMURATH an AMURATH succeeds,
But Harry Harry:] Amurath the Third (the sixth Emperor of the Turks) died on January the 18th» 1596-6. The people being generally disaffected to Mahomet, his eldest son, and inclined to Amurath, one of his younger children, the Emperor's
death was concealed for ten days by the Janizaries, till Mahomet came from Amasia to Constantinople. On his arrival he was saluted Emperor, by the great Bassos, and others his favourers:
which done, (says Knolles,) he presently after caused all his brethren to be invited to a solemn feast in the court: whereunto they, yet ignorant of their father's death, came chearfully, as
men fearing no harm: but, being come, *were there all most miserably strangled.*' It is highly probable that

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